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SUBJECT: TGS PUSHES AGAIN TO KEEP NATO COMMANDS IN TURKEY

REF: A. 02 ANKARA 4702

[1](#)B. 02 STATE 129476

[1](#)C. 02 ANKARA 4829

(U) Classified by Ambassador Robert Pearson, reasons 1.5,
b/d.

[1](#)1. (C) In a Jan. 20 meeting with CJCS GEN Myers, Turkish CHOD GEN Ozkok noted that NATO should maintain its Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) in Eskisehir and its Joint Sub-Regional Command (JSRC) in Izmir and pressed for US support. TGS J-3 LTG Karabay reiterated Ref A request for bilateral consultations on NATO Command Structure Reform.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: The GOT's efforts to keep its CAOC and JSRC reflect its desire to remain an integral Ally on NATO's most volatile flank.

[1](#)3. (U) This message has been cleared by JCS.
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